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Absurd Person Singular Absurd Person Singular Scripts People Live From Single Sign to Pseudo-Script **Bedroom farce Unknown Lutsk** Karaim Letters in Hebrew Script (19th-20th Centuries) Leaves from an Epigrapher's Notebook: Collected Papers in Hebrew and West <u>Semitic Palaeography and Epigraphy</u> *Mapping the Old Zhuang Character* Script The Beneventan Script Writing for Visual Media Television Series and Specials Scripts, 1946-1992 Mother of Writing SCRIPTS <u>PEOPLE LIVE</u> Space Between Words Masterclass: Writing Plays American English in Mind Starter Teacher's Edition scripts people live Writing and Personality Critical Thinking and Writing in Nursing The Routledge Handbook of Scripts and Alphabets Frequency Effects in Language Learning and Processing Reading & Writing Farsi: A Workbook for Self-Study Ancient Scripts from Crete and Cyprus Lifewriting in Carmen Martín Gaite's Cuadernos de Todo and Her Novels of the 1990s The SAGE Handbook of Writing Development Syllabic Writing on Cyprus and its Context The Harappan Civilization and Its Writing Dialogue on Writing Speech, Writing, and Thought **Presentation in 19th-Century Narrative Fiction The Practical Guide to Documentary Editing Affect Theory and Literary Critical** Practice The Writing Culture of Ancient Dadan Modern Letter Writing Global Politics of Celebrity Reading the Maya Glyphs (Second Edition) Eurindia Writing for Children - A Manual for Writers of Juvenile Fiction The Archaeology and Epigraphy of Indus Writing Writing Performance **Deciphering the Maya Script**

A detailed examination of the Indus script. It presents new analysis based on an expansive text corpus using revolutionary analytical techniques developed specifically for the purpose of deciphering the Indus script. The breaking of the Maya code has completely changed our knowledge of this ancient civilization, and has revealed the Maya people's long and vivid history. Decipherment of Maya hieroglyphic writing has progressed to the point where most Maya written texts-whether inscribed on monuments, written in the codices, or painted or incised on ceramics-can now be read with confidence. In this practical guide, first published in 2001, Michael D. Coe, the noted Mayanist, and Mark Van Stone, an accomplished calligrapher, have made the difficult, often mysterious script accessible to the nonspecialist. They decipher real Maya texts, and the transcriptions include a picture of the glyph, the pronunciation, the Maya words in Roman type, and the translation into English. For the second edition, the authors have taken the latest research and breakthroughs into account, adding glyphs, updating captions, and reinterpreting or expanding upon earlier decipherments. After an introductory discussion of Maya culture and history and the nature of the Maya script, the authors introduce the glyphs in a series of chapters that elaborate on topics such as the intricate calendar, warfare, royal lives and rituals, politics, dynastic names, ceramics, relationships, and the supernatural world. The book includes illustrations of historic texts, a syllabary, a lexicon, and translation exercises. The work presents -- as far as is now possible -- the language spoken by Lutsk Karaims in the second half of the 19th and in the first two decades of the 20th centuries. This is attempted by means of editing eleven private letters and five open letters written in Lutsk Karaim -- with Hebrew interpolations. The letters were written by different authors in Hebrew script. The present publication appears to be the first critical edition of this type of text written in this particular dialect. Previous editions of south-western Karaim manuscripts either concerned very short texts from Halvch or were prepared with no intention of being professional. The linguistic description of the texts aims to present a grammar of the manuscripts' language. It is complemented with a separate chapter dealing with the Slavonic structural influences exerted on the authors' idiolects, and with the lexicon of the texts. A separate part deals with the orthography and the features of the writing itself. The transcription and translation of each manuscript are preceded with a concise palaeographic description and a summary of the content. The work closes with a glossary, several indexes, maps, and the facsimile of the manuscripts. Preliminary Material -- The Development of the Jewish Scripts -- The Scripts of the Dâliyeh (Samaria) Papyri -- The Palaeographical Dating of the Copper Document -- Palaeography and the Date of the Tell Fahariyeh Bilingual Inscription -- A Papyrus Recording a Divine Legal Decision and the Root rhg in Biblical and Near Eastern

Legal Usage -- Ammonite Ostraca from Tell Hisbān -- Epigraphic Notes on the 'Amman Citadel Inscription -- Notes on the Ammonite Inscription from Tell Sīrān -- A Forgotten Seal -- The Seal of Miqnêyaw, Servant of Yahweh -- Epigraphic Notes on Hebrew Documents of the Eighth-Sixth Centuries B.C.: I. A New Reading of a Place Name in the Samaria Ostraca -- Epigraphic Notes on Hebrew Documents of the Eighth-Sixth Centuries B.C.: II. The Murabba'ât Papyrus and the Letter Found near Yabneh-yam -- Epigraphic Notes on Hebrew Documents of the Eighth-Sixth Centuries B.C.: III. The Inscribed Jar Handles from Gibeon -- A Literate Soldier: Lachish Letter III -- Lachish Letter IV -- An Ostracon in Literary Hebrew from Horvat 'Uza -- Judaean Stamps -- An Inscribed Weight from 'Arâg el-'Emîr -- The Hebrew Inscriptions from Sardis --Inscriptions from Tel Sera' -- A Philistine Ostracon from Ashkelon -- The Cave Inscriptions from Hirbat Bayt Layy [Khirbet Beit Lei] -- The Stele Dedicated to Melgart by Ben-Hadad of Damascus -- Fragments of the Prayer of Nabonidus -- An Aramaic Inscription from Daskyleion -- A New Aramaic Stele from Taymā' -- An Aramaic Ostracon of the Third Century BCE from the Excavations in Jerusalem -- A Note on a Burial Inscription from Mount Scopus -- The Arrow of Suwar, Retainer of 'Abday -- An Inscribed Arrowhead of the Eleventh Century BCE in the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem -- Newly Discovered Inscribed Arrowheads of the Eleventh Century BCE -- Newly Found Inscriptions in Old Canaanite and Early Phoenician Scripts -- A Phoenician Inscription from Idalion: Some Old and New Inscriptions Relating to Child Sacrifice -- The Phoenician Inscription from Brazil: A Nineteenth-Century Forgery -- An Interpretation of the Nora Stone -- Phoenicians in the West: The Early Epigraphic Evidence -- The Oldest Phoenician Inscription from Sardinia: The Fragmentary Stele from Nora -- Phoenician Incantations on a Plague of the Seventh Century BCE from Arslan Tash in Upper Syria -- A Second Phoenician Incantation Text from Arslan Tash -- The Old Phoenician Inscription from Spain Dedicated to Hurrian Astarte -- The Pronominal Suffixes of the Third Person Singular in Phoenician -- An Ostracon in Greek Bearing the Names of the Gates of Idalion -- A Newly Published Inscription of the Persian Age from Byblos -- Jar Inscriptions from Shiqmona -- Two Offering Dishes with Phoenician Inscriptions from the Sanctuary of 'Arad -- An Old Canaanite Inscription Recently Found at Lachish -- An Inscribed Jar Handle from Raddana by Frank Moore Cross and David Noel Freedman -- An Archaic Inscribed Seal from the Valley of Aijalon [Soreg] -- Inscribed Arrowheads from the Period of the Judges by J. T. Milik and Frank Moore Cross -- The Evolution of the Proto-Canaanite Alphabet -- A Ugaritic Abecedary and the Origins of the Proto-Canaanite Alphabet -- The Origin and Early Evolution of the Alph. The volume contains a collection of studies on how the analysis of corpus and psycholinguistic data reveal how linguistic knowledge is affected by the frequency of linguistic elements/stimuli. The studies explore a wide range of phenomena, from phonological reduction processes and palatalization to morphological productivity, diachronic change, adjective preposition constructions, auxiliary omission, and multi-word units. The languages studied are Spanish and artificial languages, Russian, Dutch, and English. The sister volume focuses on language representation. A description of a methodology by which to decipher the writing of the Harappan civilization. The methodology is then applied and the results set forth in detail. There, results coupled with the author's extensive archaeological knowledge of the Indus Civilization creates a picture of ancient South Asian life much of which in content is unique. The traditional Zhuang script is a character script based on Chinese, adapted for the purpose of writing the Tai languages of southern China and northern Vietnam. Mapping the Old Zhuang Character Script by David Holm, presents for the first time a systematic overview of such a script, based on a survey of traditional texts in 45 locations among the Zhuang and related peoples in Guangxi, Guizhou, eastern Yunnan, and northern Vietnam. Complete with 133 maps, it looks at patterns of geographic variation in relation to dialect, the domains of former native chieftaincies, the activities of ritual masters and Taoist priests, largescale migrations, and the transplantation of garrisons of native troops. Internal evidence indicates the script has a history going back well before the Tang. This work focuses the social context of writing in ancient Western Arabia in the oasis of ancient Dadan, modern-day al-'Ulā in the northwest of the Arabian Peninsula between the sixth to first centuries BC. It offers a description and analysis of the language of the

inscriptions and the variation attested within them. It is the first work to perform a systematic study of the linguistic variation of the Dadanitic inscriptions. It combines a thorough description of the language of the inscriptions with a statistical analysis of the distribution of variation across different textual genres and manners of inscribing. By considering correlations between language-internal and extralinguistic features this analysis aims to take a more holistic approach to the epigraphic object. Through this approach an image of a rich writing culture emerges, in which we can see innovation as well as the deliberate use of archaic linguistic features in more formal text types. A "stimulating and thoughtprovoking" guide to help you make productive and autonomous choices toward rewriting your life (Los Angeles Times). We choose a "life script" at an early age. But you can change its course. Whether born into wealth or poverty, into nurturing families or damaged abusers, fostered by strict parents or careless and undisciplined ones, each individual still has a spiritual core that exists independent of the environment and is equally crucial to his or her destiny. Countering the fundamental principle of psychiatry which asserts that emotional and mental distress comes from within, Claude Steiner believes that people are innately healthy but develop a pattern early in life based upon negative or positive influences of those around them. Those influences can rule every detail of our lives until our death. Thus children decide, however unconsciously, whether they will be happy or depressed, winners or failures, strong or dependent, caring or cruel, and having decided, they spend the rest of their lives making that decision come true. For those who choose to live by their negative script, the consequences can be disastrous unless they make a conscious decision to change. In Scripts We Live, Steiner tackles the puzzle of human fate. He reveals what determines our life scripts, and how each person's combination of spirit and circumstance contributes to the final path that life takes. And he offers hopeful advice and practical analysis so that we all can rewrite for ourselves more meaningful and fulfilling lives. Reference to or quotation from someone's speech, thoughts, or writing is a key component of narrative. These reports further a narrative, make it more interesting, natural, and vivid, ask the reader to engage with it, and reflect historical cultural understandings of modes of discourse presentation. To a large extent, the way we perceive a story depends on the ways it presents discourse, and along with it, speech, writing, and thought. In this book, Beatrix Busse investigates speech, writing, and thought presentation in a corpus of 19th-century narrative fiction including Frankenstein, Jane Eyre, Wuthering Heights, Oliver Twist, and many others. At the intersection between corpus linguistics and stylistics, this book develops a new corpus-stylistic approach for systematically analyzing the different narrative strategies of discourse presentation in key pieces of 19thcentury narrative fiction. Speech, Writing, and Thought Presentation in 19th-Century Narrative Fiction identifies diachronic patterns as well as unique authorial styles, and places them within their cultural-historical context. It also suggests ways for automatically identifying forms of discourse presentation, and shows that the presentation of characters' minds reflects an ideological as well as an epistemological concern about what cannot be reported, portrayed, or narrated. Through insightful interdisciplinary analysis, Busse demonstrates that discourse presentation fulfills the function of prospection and encapsulation, marks narrative progression, and shapes readers' expectations. In the age of networked publics and global viral publicity, celebrity is transnational. Its circulation illuminates global, national, and local dynamics of power and resistance. Celebrity shapes concepts of race, gender, class, and national identity on a global scale. Governments use transnational celebrity as evidence of their country's cultural power, transmuting cultural influence into economic and political power. Meanwhile, celebrities who cross borders become potent and contested icons of national identity. At the grassroots level, citizens in diverse geographic contexts are becoming increasingly fluent in the global language of celebrity and are mobilizing it in new ways for personal and political projects. Reaching beyond the Global North, this book showcases research on transnational celebrity as a technology of soft power and counter-hegemonic organizing, and as a driver of discourses of race and migration. It also explores self-presentation and self-branding in the globalized attention economy. This book demonstrates the need for a renewed politicized treatment of the topic of celebrity in its transnational and globalizing reach. The chapters in this book were originally published in the journal Popular Communication. This volume offers a new and interdisciplinary treatment of syllabic writing in ancient Cyprus. A team of distinguished scholars tackles epigraphic, palaeographic, linguistic, archaeological, historical and terminological problems relating

to the island's writing systems in the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age, from the appearance of writing around the fifteenth century down to the end of the first millennium BC. The result is not intended to be a single, unified view of the scripts and their context, but rather a varied collection that demonstrates a range of interpretations of the evidence and challenges some of the longstanding or traditional views of the population of ancient Cyprus and its epigraphic habits. This is the first comprehensive account of the 'Cypro-Minoan' and 'Cypriot syllabic' scripts to appear in a single volume and forms an invaluable resource for anyone studying Cypriot epigraphy or archaeology. The Routledge Handbook of Scripts and Alphabets is a unique reference to the main scripts and alphabets of the world. The Handbook presents over 60 alphabets covering an enormous scope of languages; from Amharic and Chinese to Thai and Cree. Full script tables are given for every language and each entry is accompanied by a detailed overview of its historical and linguistic context. New to this second edition: enhanced introduction discussing the basic principles and strategies utilized by world writing systems expanded to include more writing systems improved presentation of non-Roman scripts. organised into ancient, contemporary and autochthonous writing systems many new entries on fascinating and lesser-known writing systems This handy resource is the ideal reference for all students and scholars of language and linguistics. It has been brought to our attention that in some of the copies of the book there is an alignment error in the tables for Cyrillic Scripts (pages 88-90) and Roman Scripts (pages 140-44). Please contact us at Isabelle.Cheng@tandf.co.uk to receive replacement copies of the corrected tables, free of charge. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused. 'We cannot separate the writer from the writing. Nor should we try. Both our writing process and our writing products need to carry our unique signature, a bit of our personality.' - From Writing and Personality How you write - what works for you and what makes sense to you - depends on who you are, your personality, your preferences, your style of thinking and feeling. If you're extraverted and grounded in your senses, your natural writing style will be far different from the person who tends to be introverted and intuitive. Not only that, how you learn to write will be different as well. Here's a book that taps into the natural strengths of your personality and helps you use those strengths in your writing. Whether you're a student, businessperson, or professional writer, this book will help you: engage your natural writing voice; adapt to styles that are less natural; overcome writer's block; and find the right words for communicating effectively, whatever your assignment. Writing development is currently the focus of substantial international debate because it is the aspect of literacy education that has been least responsive to central government and state reforms. Teaching approaches in writing have been slower to change than those in teaching reading and pupil attainment in writing has increased at a much more modest rate than pupil attainment in reading. This handbook critically examines research and theoretical issues that impact on writing development from the early years through to adulthood. It provides those researching or teaching literacy with one of the most academically authoritative and comprehensive works in the field. With expert contributors from across the world, the book represents a detailed and valuable overview of a complex area of study. American English in Mind is an integrated, four-skills course for beginner to advanced teenage learners of American English. The American English in Mind Starter Teacher's Edition provides an overview of course pedagogy, teaching tips from Mario Rinvolucri, interleaved step-by-step lesson plans, audio scripts, Workbook answer keys, supplementary grammar practice exercises, communication activities, entry tests, and other useful resources. Funny, gripping and wrenchingly truthful, these three blackly comic plays slice into the soul of suburbia. Couples - often mismatched, sometimes disorientated - dominate the action. The settings are simple a kitchen, a bedroom, a party - all familiar terrains where husbands and wives meet, bewildered, puzzled and angry. 'In the hilarious delineation of marital pain there is no one to touch Alan Ayckbourn' Eric Shorter in the Daily Telegraph. Critical thinking and writing is central to effective nursing practice. Written specifically for nursing students, this book offers practical guidance on what it means to think critically as a nurse and how to apply this to study and practice. From critically reviewing literature for assessments to evaluating evidence to support decisionmaking in practice, the book provides a unique framework for developing essential critical skills. Key features A new chapter on Writing the Clinical Case Study', along with new guidance on how to become a successful independent learner, advice on managing information overload, and many more updates and enhancements on the previous

edition. Each chapter is mapped to the 2018 NMC standards Filled with activities and student case studies demonstrating how to apply critical thinking and reflection in practice Innovative approach that introduces the different levels of critical thinking and reflection required of degree level study Ronald J. Pelias is concerned with writing about performance, from the everyday performative routines to the texts on stage. He seeks to write performatively, to offer poetic or aesthetic renderings of performance events in order to capture some sense of their nature. In his quest for the spirit of theatrical performances in a collection of essays, Pelias, of course, asks more of the written word than the word can deliver. Yet the attempt is both desirable -- and necessary. To discuss performance without some accounting for its essence as art, he asserts, is at best misleading, at worst, fraud. Pelias divides his efforts to present performance events into three general categories: "Performing Every Day", "On Writing and Performing", and "Being a Witness". As the title implies, "Performing Every Day" focuses on performances ranging from the daily business of enacting roles to the telling of tales that make life meaningful. It incorporates essays about the ongoing process of presenting oneself in everyday life; the gender script that insists that men enact manly performances; the classroom performances of teachers and students; stories of gender, class, and race that mark identity; and a performance installation entitled "A Day's Talk", which is a record of talk produced in a day's time accompanied by reflections about and responses to that talk. "On Writing and Performing" examines the written script and performance practices. It contains a description of a struggle between a writer and a performer as they protect their own interests; an intimate look at an apprehensive performer; a short play entitled "The Audition", which deals with what it means to be an actor; a chronicle ofperformance process from the perspective of an actor; and a brief essay on the nature of performance. "Being a Witness" examines performance from the perspective of the audience and the director. It includes essays on the experience of being an audience member; viewing theatre in the context of New York City; directing and being directed by actors' bodies; watching The DEF Comedy Jam; and, in the form of an interview, some final reflections about working with performance for many years. Silent reading is now universally accepted as normal; indeed reading aloud to oneself may be interpreted as showing a lack of ability or understanding. Yet reading aloud was usual, indeed unavoidable, throughout antiquity and most of the middle ages. Saenger investigates the origins of the gradual separation of words within a continuous written text and the consequent development of silent reading. He then explores the spread of these practices throughout western Europe, and the eventual domination of silent reading in the late medieval period. A detailed work with substantial notes and appendices for reference. This primary textbook for courses on theories & methods of teaching at the college writing level brings together seminal articles, followed by questions for reflection, writing, and discussion. Writing Plays is the invaluable and comprehensive guide to anyone who wants to write plays and get them performed. It covers the basics of the theatre, creating and working with characters, writing realistic speech and dialogue, constructing compelling plots and creating a great ending. There are also separate chapters focused on writing for different genres, including pantomimes, musicals, radio and television. And a final section looks at the practicalities of laving out, submitting and staging your play. Meet three couples in their three kitchens on the Christmas Eves of three successive years. The "lower class" but very much up and coming Hopcrofts are in their bright new, gadget filled kitchen anxiously giving a little party for their bank manager and his wife and an architect neighbor. Next there are the architect and his wife in their neglected, untidy flat. Then the bank manager and his wife are in their large, slightly modernized, old Victorian style kitchen. Running like a dark thread through the wild comedy of behind the scenes disasters at Christmas parties is the story of the advance of the Hopcrofts to material prosperity and independence and the decline of the others. In the final stages the little man is well and truly on top, with the others, literally and unnervingly, dancing to his tune. Quickly learn how to read and write Persian-Farsi with this user-friendly guide! Reading & Writing Farsi is an easy-to-grasp introduction to written Farsi--perfect for anyone just starting out. Pegah Vil, an incredibly experienced language teacher, has developed an engaging set of lessons based on her time in the classroom with students. The lessons in this book show you how to write the 32 letters of the Farsi alphabet (alefba) and how to quickly progress to reading the language with confidence. Exercises in each chapter encourage you to practice writing and spelling, reinforcing the lessons throughout the book. This language book includes: Reading and writing

exercises which facilitate the learning process Mnemonic pictures, to help you learn how to write Farsi characters by associating their shapes and sounds with familiar images A description of common errors faced by English-speaking learners and how to avoid making these mistakes Online audio recordings by native speakers that help with accurate pronunciation Access to downloadable content including free, printable flash cards and additional exercises and readings not included in the book A glossary of key terms Easier to learn than Arabic, Farsi--which is spoken by more than 100 million people worldwide--is also a strategic language in current global affairs. By using this carefully thought-out resource, self-study language learners will walk away with a comprehensive understanding of the basics of written Persian-Farsi--the dialect covered in this book and spoken in Iran. Blanco examines the relationship between life-writing in Martín Gaite's notebooks and her fictional work. Carmen Martín Gaite (1925-2000) was one of the most important Spanish writers of the second half of the twentieth century. From the 1940s, until her death in 2000, she published short stories, novels, poetry, drama, children literature and cultural and historical studies. This book studies life writing in Martín Gaite's notebooks Cuadernos de todo (2002) and her novels of the 1990s, Nubosidad variable (1992), La Reina de las nieves (1994), Lo raro es vivir (1996) and Irse de casa (1998). It looks at the use of first person narration in Martín Gaite's work, drawing a parallel between the notebooks and her fictional work. It further analyses the waythe author's notebooks relate to the development of her later novels as well as the use of writing as therapy. This work offers a way of looking at Carmen Martín Gaite's work from a personal and intimate perspective. Maria-José Blanco López de Lerma is Spanish Lecturer and Language Tutor at the Department of Spanish, Portuguese & Latin-American Studies, King's College London. The Practical Guide to Documentary Editing sets out the techniques, the systems and the craft required to edit compelling professional documentary television and film. Working stage by stage through the postproduction process, author Sam Billinge explores project organization, assembling rushes, sequence editing, story structure, music and sound design, and the defining relationship between editor and director. Written by a working documentary editor with over a decade's worth of experience cutting films for major British and international broadcasters, The Practical Guide to Documentary Editing offers a unique introduction to the craft of documentary editing, and provides working and aspiring editors with the tools to master their craft in the innovative and fast-paced world of contemporary nonfiction television and film. Writing for Visual Media looks at the fundamental problems a writer faces in learning to create content for media that is to be seen rather than read. It takes you from basic concepts to practice through a seven-step method that helps you identify a communications problem, think it through, and find a resolution before beginning to write. Through successive exercises, Writing for Visual Media helps you acquire the basic skills and confidence you need to write effective films, corporate and training videos, documentaries, web sites, PSAs, TV shows, nonlinear media, and other types of visual narratives. You'll explore your visual imagination and try out your powers of invention. The companion web site enriches the content of the printed book with video, audio, and sample scripts. It includes scripts and the video produced from them; visual demonstrations of concepts; and an interactive, illustrated glossary of terms and concepts. Please visit www.focalpress.com/cw/friedmann-9780240812359 click on the Interactive Content tab, and follow the registration instructions. Affect Theory and Literary Critical Practice develops new approaches to reading literature that are informed by the insights of scholars working in affect studies across many disciplines, with essays that consider works of fiction, drama, poetry and memoir ranging from the medieval to the postmodern. While building readings of representative texts, contributors reflect on the value of affect theory to literary critical practice, asking: what explanatory power is affect theory affording me here as a critic? what can the insights of the theory help me do with a text? Contributors work to incorporate lines of theory not always read together, accounting for the affective intensities that circulate through texts and readers and tracing the operations of affectively charged social scripts. Drawing variously on queer, feminist and critical race theory and informed by ecocritical and new materialist sensibilities, essays in the volume share a critical practice founded in an ethics of relation and contribute to an emerging postcritical moment. From Single Sign to Pseudo-Script by Ben Haring presents a well-documented and illustrative example of the use and development of identity marks, whose unique and universal features are brought out by a combination of Egyptological,

comparative and theoretical approaches. The vintage book contains a complete guide to writing children's literature, and includes wealth of information on every aspect of writing books and plays for young people. Although old, the contents of this volume will be of considerable utility to modern readers with an interest in the subject. Contents include: "Preparing the Ground", "Titles", "Fairy and Dragon Stories", "Animal and Nature Stories", "Adventure Stories", "Sporting and School Tales", "Points to Remember", "Editors", "Markets for Manuscripts", "Lengths", "Submissions", "Children's Plays", "The Serial and Series Books", "Writing for B.B.C.", "Verse for Children", "Ideas Unlimited", et cetera. Many vintage books such as this are increasingly scarce and expensive. It is with this in mind that we are republishing this volume now in an affordable, modern edition complete with a specially commissioned new introduction This book was first published in 1929. In the early days of television, many of its actors, writers, producers and directors came from radio. This crossover endowed the American Radio Archives with a treasure trove of television documents. The collected scripts span more than 40 years of American television history, from live broadcasts of the 1940s to the late 1980s. They also cover the entire spectrum of television entertainment programming, including comedies, soap operas, dramas, westerns, and crime series. The archives cover nearly 1,200 programs represented by more than 6,000 individual scripts. Includes an index of personal names, program and episode titles and production companies, as well as a glossary of industry terms. In February of 1971, in the Laotian village of Nam Chia, a forty-one year old farmer named Shong Lue Yang was assassinated by government soldiers. Shong Lue claimed to have been descended of God and given the mission of delivering the first true Hmong alphabet. Many believed him to be the Hmong people's long-awaited messiah, and his thousands of followers knew him as "Mother (Source) of Writing." An anthropological linguist who has worked among the Hmong, William A. Smalley joins Shong Lue's chief disciple, Chia Koua Vang, and one of his associates, to tell the fascinating story of how the previously unschooled farmer developed his remarkable writing system through four stages of increasing sophistication. The uniqueness of Shong Lue's achievement is highlighted by a comparison of Shong Lue's writing system to other known Hmong systems and to the history of writing as a whole. In addition to a nontechnical linguistic analysis of the script and a survey of its current use, Mother of Writing provides an intriguing cultural account of Shong Lue's life. The book traces the twenty-year-long struggle to disseminate the script after Shong Lue's death, first by handwriting, then by primitive moveable type, an abortive attempt to design a wooden typewriter, and finally by modern wordprocessing. In a moving concluding chapter, Smalley discusses his own complex feelings about his coauthors' story.

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